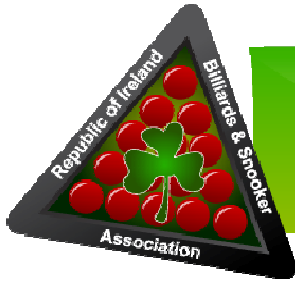




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Judge Wins 2013 Irish Snooker Championship

Former Professional player Michael Judge from the Q Club Wicklow won the 2013 RIBSA Senior National Championship in style coming back from four nil down to win in the Ivy Rooms SC in Carlow.



In the Semi Finals Michael Judge beat Irish No.1 David Hogan 6 frames to nil and Robert Redmond beat Robert Murphy. 6 frames to 5. In final the Michael beat Robert Redmond 8 frames to 5 in a unbelievable match to take the National title and qualify for the World Amateur Championships in Latvia next November.

Ireland to Host IBSF World Team & 6 Red Championships

Jim Leacy President of the I.B.S.F. is pleased to announce that the IBSF World Team Snooker Championship and the World IBSF 6 Red Championship will be held from the 29th of September to the 6th of October in Ireland.

The Championships will be hosted by the Republic Of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association and held in the Ivy Rooms SC.

The events will feature Men's, Masters and Women's events and the IBSF hope to attract the best players and teams from all over the world in an exciting team format consisting of two players. The 6 Red Snooker Championship will feature all the categories i.e. Seniors, Masters and Women in one event.

The Action begins on the 29th September at the Opening Ceremony with the Closing Ceremony 6th October. The Team Event : 2 Players per team, 2 Teams per Country in each Category. The 6 Reds Event : Open to all players participating in the teams events.



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2013 EBSA Snooker Championship in Poland



The Republic of Ireland team of Robert Murphy, John Sutton and Jason Devaney and Master's players of Mark Tuite, Anthony Bonnar, Frank Sarsfield and Nigel Power performed excellently in the 2013 European Snooker Championships in Poland.

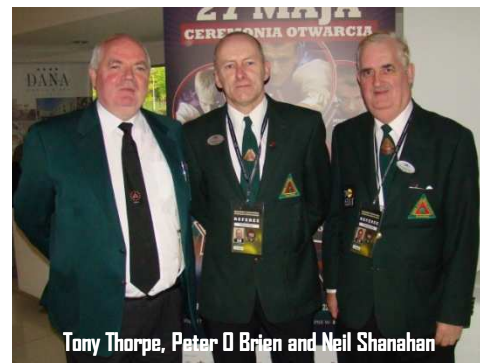
Robert Murphy and Frank Sarsfield did best in reaching the Q-Finals in Senior's and Master's Championships.

Mark Tuite, John Sutton, Jason Devaney, Robert Murphy, Nigel Power, Frank Sarsfield, Anthony Bonnar



High Break Winners : 133 Break

Ireland's Robert Murphy and Scotland's Rhys Clarke both shared the high break prize when they made breaks of 133 breaks in the group stages of the event. Robert also qualified for the World 6 Reds which will be held in Thailand.



Tony Thorpe, Pater O'Brien and Neil Shanahan

2013 Home Internationals - Leeds

The 2013 Home Internationals Senior and Masters Snooker Championships will be held from the 3rd - 5th of August and the Junior Championship will be held from the 6th - 8th of August in the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds.



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Senior Team

- 1: David Hogan
- 2: Brendan O Donoghue
- 3: Michael Judge
- 4: John Sutton

Masters Team

- 1: Frank Sarsfield
- 2: Kevin McMahon
- 3: Shane Gorman
- 4: George O'Hara

Home Internationals Team Training Weekend



27th & 28th of June With PJ Nolan in Carlow

Under 19 Team

- 1: Andrew Doherty
- 2: Aaron Tobin
- 3: James McGuinness
- 4: Dylan Carey

Under 16 Team

- 1: Adam Fitzgerald
- 2: Sean Burns
- 3: Shane Bates
- 4: Charlie Sweeney

2013 RIBSA National Championship Weekend

Masters Champion



Ladies Champion



Intermediate Champion



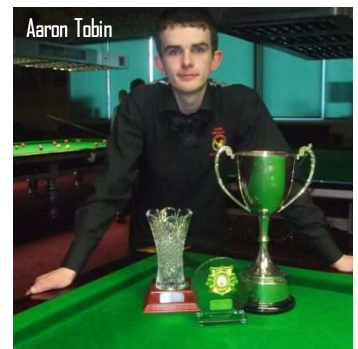
Under 16 Champion



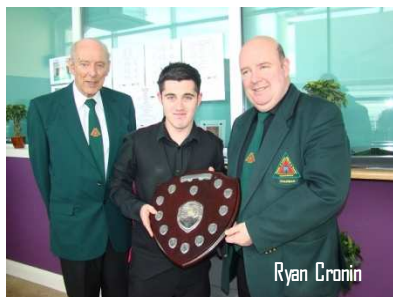
Senior Irish Champion



Under 18 Champion



Intermediate Snooker Shield



Intermediate Billiards Champion

Under 14 Champion



Senior Billiards 150 up Champion

Senior Irish Billiards Champion



Intermediate Billiards 150 up Champion



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The 2013 RIBSA National Championship Weekend was held in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow on the 24th, 25th and 26th of May. It was an exciting weekend of Snooker and Billiards with Ireland's finest cueists in action looking to win a RIBSA National title.

Well done to everyone !!!

Wales Juniors Win 2013 Celtic Challenge 64 - 55

On Saturday the 22nd of June the annual Celtic Snooker Challenge Versus Wales was held in the Ivy Rooms Snooker Club in Carlow.

Wales won the event 64 frames to 56 in a superb tight match beating the Irish Under 16 team of Adam

Fitzgerald, Sean Burns, Shane Bates, Charlie Sweeney, Oisin Harte and Keane McCarthy and the Irish Under 14 team of Corey Ramsbottom, Fergal Quinn, Conor Kennedy, Noel Landers, Ronan Whyte and Ross Bulman.

We will come back stronger in 2014



A big thank you goes to Brendan Cooney who did a fantastic job in managing the teams on the day and Referees : Neil Shanahan, Tony Thorpe, Niall Scully, Don O Donoghue and Stephen Ryan

Morris reaches Q-Final in Wuxi Classic in China



Davy Morris has made an incredible start to his new professional career with a brilliant run in the Wuxi Classic in China.

Davy decided to enter Q School and regained his pro status last month. He enjoyed the run of his life winning four matches in a row beating Michael Holt, Gary Wilson, Gerard Greene and German Masters champion Ali Carter to reach his first quarter-final of a Main Tour event in his career.

Morris was eventually beaten 5-2 by Matthew Stevens in the Q-Finals live on TV in front of millions and he had thousands of Irish cheering him on.

Well Done Davy from everyone involved in R.I.B.S.A.

World Under 21 Snooker Championship in China



The Republic Of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association players and Officials for the 2013 IBSF World Under 21 Snooker Championships in China.

The event will be held in Beijing from the 11th - 19th of July.

RIBSA Players

1. Andy McCloskey
2. David Cassidy
3. Daniel O Regan
4. Daniel Dempsey

Referees :Breda Doherty and Don O' Donoghue

National Coach: PJ Nolan & IBSF
President : Jim Leacy